Displaced persons of RINL

741. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the total displaced persons of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. popularly known as Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, registered in the employment exchange specially meant for displaced persons of the VSP steel plant;

(b) how many displaced persons were provided employment so far, category-wise;

(c) whether his Ministry is seriously considering the other displaced persons who are still seeking employment in the ongoing IIIrd phase construction of the steel plant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) The total displaced persons registered in the Sub-Employment Exchange, Gajuwaka specially meant for Displaced Persons of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is 14,827.

(b) Against agreed number of 5000 displaced persons, a total of 6310 displaced persons so far were provided employment by RINL. The details of these persons category wise is as under.

General	5579
OBC	12
SC	671
ST	48
TOTAL:	6310

(c) and (d) As per the approved Recruitment Policy and rules of RINL, recruitment to the posts in non-executive cadre is done through employment exchange and press advertisements as and when there is a need for induction of manpower. Candidates who fulfil the eligibility criteria for different posts are then considered for selection. There is no separate quota for displaced persons.

Government holdings at Gangavaram, A.P.

742. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have expressed its disagreement with the Government of Andhra Pradesh in the case of construction of Gangavaram Deep Sea Port;

(b) if so, the reasons for this disagreement;

(c) the details of the land transferred from public sector steel company in Vizag to Gangavaram port management;

(d) whether his Ministry is considering any alternative proposal to utilize the same land instead of transferring it to Gangavaram Port Company; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) No, sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) Required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d) No, sir.

(e) In view of (d) above, does not arise.

POSCO Project in Orissa

743. SHRI AMAR SINGH: SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since given its approval for the setting up of South Korean Company Posco's 12 million tonnes steel project in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the proposed location of the venture referred to above; and

(c) by when, it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) Government of Orissa has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with POSCO India Private Limited on 22.6.2005 for setting up a 12 million tonnes steel project in Orissa.

(b) The proposed location of the steel plant is Ersama block of Jagatsinghpur district in Orissa. The other features of the project as per MoU are: -

(i) The project would be implemented in two phases. Each phase will have two modules of 3 million tonnes per annum crude steel capacity.

(ii) Proposed investment is of the order of around US $ 12 billion (Rs. 51,000 crores approximately).

(iii) POSCO will also set up infrastructure necessary for the integrated steel plant, related projects and related mining of iron ore and other ores.

(iv) The acquisition of the private land will be as per the Land Acquisition Act.

(v) For rehabilitation of displaced families, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Package would be implemented as per prevailing guidelines and practices.

(vi) POSCO has a requirement of 600 million tonnes of iron ore, POSCO's application of mining lease would be considered as per the prescribed procedure.